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1. DELEGATION MAY COSPONSOR THE REVISED EGYPTIAN RESOLUTION ON IFAD (REF A AND B). IT SHOULD, AT THE SAME TIME, COOPERATE WITH THE EGYPTIANS TO ATTRACT FAIRLY LARGE NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL COSPONSORS AND STRIVE TO ENSURE SMOOTH, NON-CONTROVERSIAL PASSAGE OF THE RESOLUTION. POLITICAL FIREWORKS OF THE TYPE THAT COULD HAVE BEEN ENCOURAGED

BY THE GERMAN AMENDMENT (REF C) ARE TO BE AVOIDED.

2. DELEGATION MIGHT KEEP IN MIND TWO FACTORS WHICH RAISED OUR CONCERN OVER THE PROPOSED GERMAN AMENDMENT:

A. GIVEN THE TWO ISSUES AT STAKE, (1) IFAD'S CREATION
AND SUCCESSFUL OPERATION, AND (2) THE COMPOSITION OF IFAD
MEMBERSHIP, WE NATURALLY PLACE MUCH GREATER VALUE ON THE
FIRST. IFAD CAN STAND ON ITS OWN AS PRESENTLY CONSTITUTED

AND, WE THINK, BE EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE NO WISH TO COMPROMISE ITS PROBABLE SUCCESS OVER AN ISSUE MARGINAL TO THAT SUCCESS.

B. AS A MATTER OF POLICY, WE ARE SEEKING TO REDUCE AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE "EMBARRASSMENT FACTOR" IN U.S. - USSR/EE RELATIONS, E.G., TO AVOID FINGER-POINTING UNCALLED FOR BY OVERRIDING CONSIDERATIONS. NO SUCH CONSIDERATIONS EXIST IN THIS IFAD MATTER. VANCE

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